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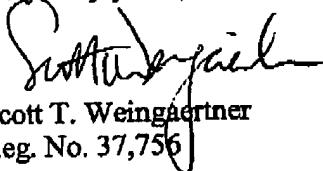
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- (3) PTO/SB/22 – Extension of Time Form (1 page) and duplicate;
- (4) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08B Form, and Certified Translation of Reference Cited (18 pages); and
- (5) Response to Final Office Action (15 pages).

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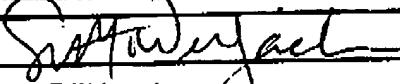
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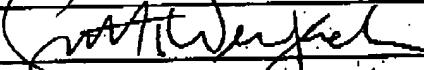
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) |
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